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The Executive Secretary, Petroleum Committee, 5 June 1950
Munitions Board
Assistant Director, Office of Reports and Estimates,
Central Intelligence Agency
Estimate of Effects of Wartime Sabotage upon Petroleum Production,
Refining, Storage, and Transportation in Certain World Areas

1. Under date of 22 September 1949, you were sent a preliminary report in response to subject inquiry.

2. It was agreed that further study of the problem would be made, and that a new estimate would be ready about 1 June 1950. This estimate is embodied in two enclosures:

- a) East Indies Petroleum Industry - An Estimate of its Reduced Capability in Event of War due to Sabotage and Work Stoppage.
- b) An Estimate of the Extent Oil Availability in the Western Hemisphere, excluding the United States, would likely be Reduced because of Communist Effort in Event of War.

3. At the time this project was undertaken, it was expected that much useful information could be developed in this country to aid in the preparation of such estimates. Considerable helpful information was found concerning vulnerability of petroleum installations in Venezuela and Netherlands West Indies (see b) above). This resulted from a firsthand investigation of conditions in those areas early in 1949. Similar data was not available for the other countries covered in this study, and it is doubtful if it could be gotten other than by a firsthand investigation.

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Enclosures:

- (a)
- (b)

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